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## DEPUTIES' MEETING



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Friday, 16 April 1954

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs.  
Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted General Ridgway's testimony before a Congressional Committee, respecting Russian activities in the nerve gas field. Mr. Amory said we had several studies on this and as he recalled the Soviets had so far only established pilot plants. The Director asked DD/I to furnish him a brief report on this subject.

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c. Noted a cable to the Senior Representative, [redacted] (OUT 86299) and asked DD/P to check on the authorization of funds indicated therein. The Director said he could not recall approving this authorization, however, he assumed it was all right.

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e. Reported on his conversation with Mr. Robert Kennedy, Assistant Counsel, Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations, and after some discussion asked Mr. Wisner to pay a call on Stuart Symington. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that during Mr. Wisner's conversation with Senator Symington he also touch base on three other subjects -- the background of which will be furnished DD/P by the IG.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Briefly reported on his conversation with Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy, respecting the current [redacted] affair and surfacing [redacted] and noted he was preparing a memorandum for the record of this conversation.

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

b. Noted an article in [redacted]

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[redacted] and suggested that the Director might wish to discuss this at the next OCB Meeting. The Director said he would prefer to have Mr. Wisner initially discuss this matter with [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Reported he had seen [redacted] and had advised him to proceed with the survey of intelligence support of PW activities. [redacted] said he made it clear to [redacted] that he would be unable to devote too much time to this since the problem did not appear to be as serious as initially indicated.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported that Mr. DuFlon of the White House staff had requested the services of [redacted] of Personnel for a period of about two months to tie up loose ends on a report now under preparation respecting proposed legislation on Foreign Service Officers of all governmental agencies. Mr. Kirkpatrick said [redacted] had been especially requested in view of his background of knowledge on this problem. The Director said he saw no particular objection to this provided it was made clear to all concerned that: (1) [redacted] participation was a result of our interest in our own Career Service Program; (2) we are not sticking our nose in other people's business.

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b. Noted a recent speech by Senator Mansfield in which he indicated that the U. S. Government was paying for the services of the CAT pilots now flying in the IndoChina airlift. [redacted] said a copy of this speech was on the Director's desk.

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c. Stated that one of our employees was resigning to participate in a political campaign and we might be faced with the issue of rehiring this person should she apply for employment at some future date.

Mr. Sheldon:

Reported that at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 19 April, Secretary Kyes would consider a request by NSA that its personnel be increased by [redacted]. Mr. Sheldon said we had been requested to furnish an evaluation of NSA and whether this increase would be beneficial to CIA. The Director indicated he would sign a memorandum to Mr. Kyes endorsing this increase -- which Mr. Sheldon will prepare.

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Colonel White:

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Colonel White (Continued):



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